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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Michel GARRAIT et al.**

Appln. No.: 09/350,152

Filed: July 9, 1999

For: PROCESS FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF  
HYDROXYMETHYLBUTYRIC  
ACID

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) Group Art Unit: 1623  
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) Examiner: J. Calve  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of October 5, 2000. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$890 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	23	-	20	3	x \$ 18	\$ 54.00
Indep.	1	-	3	0	x \$ 80	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$270	270.00
Subtotal						\$ 324.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$ 324.00

- ☒ A fee of \$324 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☐ A fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$1,214 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: April 5, 2001

By: Carol P. Einaudi  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

~~01 FC:117~~  
02 FC:103  
03 FC:104

~~890.00 OP~~  
54.00 OP  
270.00 OP

In reply to the Office Action dated October 5, 2000, the period for response having been extended three months to April 5, 2001, by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application and continued examination of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓  
Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 15-34 as follows:

15. (New) A process for the hydrolysis of 2-hydroxy-4-methylthiobutyronitrile comprising:

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